

no hereditary titles to grace, and few great historical incidents to revere, pays more attention to the useful than the ornamental. Hamilton, however, is equal to any city of its size in Canada in the cost and beauty of its buildings.

THE WESLEYAN FEMALE COLLEGE, King street, built of brick in the Italian style, five stories high, is an imposing edifice. It has a frontage of 160 feet, and is one of the most handsome buildings in the city. Formerly known as the Anglo-American Hotel, it was recently purchased from the original proprietors, in the interest of the Wesleyan Methodist body, for the sum of \$28,000, and under an Act of Parliament converted into an institution for the training and educating of young ladies. It has been open since last November, and under the excellent board of management, promises to be one of the most useful seminaries of learning in the Province.

D. McINNES & C's wholesale dry goods store, John street, is an immense building. It is constructed of stone imported from Ohio, and cost \$130,000.

THE ROYAL HOTEL BLOCK, James street, built of stone quarried in the mountain, presents a fine appearance. The order is Grecian, and no pains or expense was spared to finish it in a style of magnificence and taste. The cost could not be less than \$100,000, probably much more. The lower flat is occupied with offices, while the principal portion of the building is used as the Royal Hotel, one of the best public houses in Canada. Dr. Taylor is the proprietor.

THE CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE BUILDINGS, and the hardware store of R. Juson & Co., are both magnificent structures, alike creditable to the taste and enterprise of the city.

DUNDURN, York street, the residence of Sir Allan MacNab, Bart., is worthy of notice as being among the most handsome private residences in Canada.

THE CENTRAL SCHOOL is a substantial structure, built of cut free stone. It is capable of accommodating 1,500 pupils. The Principal, A. Macallum, Esq., is an experienced teacher, thoroughly devoted to his profession.

THE CUSTOM HOUSE, Stuart street, was built three years ago, by the Government. We have heard that it was a pleasant incident for the Prince of Wales to read "Victoria Regina" on a building so far westward. It is rather massive than handsome, an evidence more of substantiality than show. The Post Office, Bank of Upper Canada, Gore Bank, Mechanics' Institute, Bank of British North America, and Commercial Bank, are also worthy of mention. But it is near the base of the Mountain that the millionaires of Hamilton have fitted up the most handsome and costly residences.

THE CRYSTAL PALACE, occupying a commanding position between King and York streets, in the western part of the city, was built in 1860